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REMARKS

The examiner has indicated that the applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect
a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits from the following species of the
claimed invention:

5   I: Claims 1-108, drawn to " a computer system comprising a host entity for issuing
               I/O requests; a redundant external storage virtualization controller" along with
               other various limitations, classified in class 710, subclass 240.

       II: Claims 109-126 and 129-139, drawn to a "method for performing storage
               virtualization in a computer system having a first and a second external storage
10   virtualization controller configured into a redundant SVC pair", classified in
               class 711, subclass 112.

       III: Claims 127 and 128, drawn to a "computer-readable storage medium having a
               computer program code stored therein that s capable of performing the steps of a
               method", classified in class 711, subclass 112.

15 Response:
               The applicant hereby elects the following species:

       I: **Claims 1-108, drawn to " a computer system comprising a host entity for
               issuing I/O requests; a redundant external storage virtualization controller"
               along with other various limitations, classified in class 710, subclass 240.**
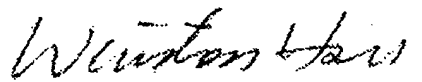
20   for prosecution on the merits in response to the above election requirement. The
claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-108.

               Accordingly claims 109-139 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the
subject matter thereof; however, the applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s)
based on these claims.

25   No new matter is introduced in this Office action. Consideration of claims 1-108
readable on the elected species is requested.

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